

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 13-27 with the following amended paragraph:

More specifically, Figure 1 shows a primer casing (1) having four blasthole engagement means (2) in the form of projecting legs, only three of which can be seen. Each of the legs incorporates an inward projection (3) formed by a bend in the leg. The legs (4) (2) are integrally formed with the primer casing (1) and extend into the passage (4) defined by the sleeve portion (5). The passage (4) allows the legs to be retained within the sleeve portion (5) of the primer casing (1) for packaging and transportation. The legs are urged outwards on insertion of the primer (11) into the primer casing (1). The primer (11) is retained within the primer casing (1) in a position in which the blasthole engagement means (2) are urged outwards by the camming of inward projections (3) over the primer (11). The primer (11) is retained in this position by the over centre tabs (6) which may be depressed into a locking position as shown in Figure 2. The over centre tabs (6) also act to prevent the loading hose (13) from striking against the primer (11) and deforming the signal tube (12) which extends from the primer (11). The sleeve portion (5) extends to form a hose receiving sleeve (7). The top of the primer casing (1) includes a nose cone (8) in which there is provided apertures (9).